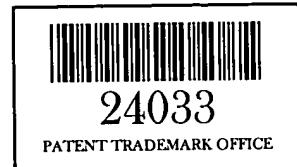


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final office action dated September 17, 2003 ("Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-57 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants have amended certain claims and traverse the prior art rejections for the reasons discussed herein. Applicants have further amended claim 17 to overcome an antecedent basis rejection. Applicants have cancelled claims 3, 23, and 41 and submit that pending claims 1-22, 24-40, and 42-57 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15.